(c) the total number of such computers to be imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) India has not placed a letter of intent recently on any foreign firm for supply of a Super Computor. However, earlier in 1986, India had placed a letter of intent on a foreign firm for the supply of super computer required by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for application in the areas of crystallography, computer science, biological engineering, monsoon research etc.

India has already acquired a super computer for the use in weather forecasting and acquisition of one more super computer for Indian Institute of Science is visualised.

Setting up of Software Cities

*380. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities which have been declared as software cities in the country ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to declare Bhubaneshwar as a software city ;

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the proposal; and

(d) what progress has been made in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to promote software Technology activities at Bhubaneshwar, Pune and Bangalore including setting up of software Technology Parks.

(c) and (d) The following steps have been taken for the promotion of software Technology activities at Bhubneshwar :—

(i) A proposal prepared for setting up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneshwar, is being processed.

(ii) The National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Planning Commission has installed a very large mainframe computer in Bhubaneshwar for Government informatics for the eastern region.

Threat to Health Especially of Younger Generation due to various New Food Fads

@3045. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious threat to health specially of younger generation due to various new foods fads including junk foods, food additives, pesticides in food and irradiated foods and if so, how these are proposed to be tackled ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above additives/processing lead to various ailments including Carcinoma ; and

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2685, transferred from the 17th March, 1989.

(c) whether Government propose to set up a Unit of Foods and Health to keep a close watch on the new disturbing changes in Food processing ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, and Rules made thereunder the use of food additives, presence of pesticide residues in food products are allowed/fixed taking into consideration the safe limits of these fixed by World Health Organisation/Food and Agricultural Organisation, Codes Alimentarius Commission and Research conducted in National Research Institutes in India.

The National Monitoring Agency has been set up by the Government to consider safety and technological aspects of irradiation process.

Programme to remove Poverty

@3046. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to have a comprehensive programme to remove poverty and unemployment and for the social and economic upliftment of the poor and down trodden ; and

(b) it so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) The Government have comprehensive programmes to remove poverty and unemployment. During the Seventh Five Year Plan, investments on poverty alleviation programmes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Emloyment Guarantee Programme have been considerably increased. Special Programmes are also being implemented for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as well as for Hilly and backward areas. In addition to the existing programmes, it is proposed to launch a new intensive rural employment programme named after Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru with a provision of Rs. 500 crores in 1989-90.

Public sector units without Top Level personnel

@@3047. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 57 public sector units have been running without top level personnel in the administration for a long time ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons leading to this State of affairs in the units ; and

(c) what action Government have taken in order to fill up the vacancies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

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